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SUBJ: CHINESE OFFICIAL'S COMMENTS ON CAMBODIAN-VIETNAMESE BORDER CONFLICT

REF: (A) PEKING 194, (B) PEKING 184

1. THAI EMBOFF (PROTECT HAS TOLD US OF CONVERSATION HE HAD JANUARY 13 WITH PRC AMBASSADOR CHAI TSE-MIN IN BANGKOK. ON INDOCHINA BORDER CONFLICT, CHAI PLACED ENTIRE BLAME ON VIETNAMESE EXPANSIONIST AMBITIONS. HE GAVE NO HINT THAT CHINESE MIGHT BE UNHAPPY WITH ACMBODIAN INTRANSIGENCE, AND MADE NO MENTION OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE CONFLICT. CHAI STATED THE PARTIES SHOULD STOP FIGHTING, WITHDRAW TO THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE
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SIDES OF THE BORDER, AND NEGOTIATE A SETTLEMENT. HE GAVE NO HINT OF A CHINESE WILLINGNESS OR INTENTION TO MEDIATE THE CONFLICT.

2. THAI EMBOFF HAS HAD SEVERAL PREVIOUS PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH CHAI, AND HAS FOUND HIM QUITE CANDID ON FOREIGN POLICY SUBJECTS. THUS CHAI'S

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COMMENTS ARE PROBABLY REASONABLY ACCURATE REFLECTION
OF HIGH-LEVEL CHINESE THINKING ON INDOCHINA. ACCORD-
ING TO EMBOFF, SOME STRONG PRO-CAMBODIAN SENTIMENT
HAS COME ACROSS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH UN-
OFFICIAL CHINESE IN PEKING.
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